REMARKS

According to the Examiner, "the added language of graphical content containing 'one bit per pixel' values is taught by U.S. Patent No. 6,678,392 issued to Powell (Powell). Specifically, according to the previous Office Action, "Powell teaches the graphical content as having binary pixel bit values. (col. 3 lines 30-45: "gray scale image)."

The above-identified cited part by the Examiner explains that a representation of a digital image in the form of an array of pixels with pixel values while, in gray scale image, the pixel values are luminance values representing a brightness level varying from black and white.

Powell does not teach that a graphical content contains one bit per pixel values.

Applicants' invention discloses a method of adding authenticated information to the electronic file based on the object level representation of the graphical content wherein the most graphical content contains one bit per pixel values. See, for example, applicants' specification at page 2, lines 6-9.

Therefore, applicants' technique of having steps of adding authentication information to the electronic file based on the object level representation of the graphical content, wherein the graphical content contains one bit per pixel values, is not taught by Powell.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants look forward to receiving the Examiner's first Office Action in this matter. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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